

When the Center for Disease Control estimates that 500 deaths and 20,000 illnesses are attributed to *E. coli* each year, legislation such as this will help protect the health of Americans.

STOP has also been very active in the agriculture appropriations process. Most recently, I worked on their behalf to ensure that there would not be a delay of the USDA's implementation of safeguards and standards to improve meat inspection. Because of their efforts, additional public hearings will be held to consider the views of all interested parties throughout the rule-making process.

Once again, I thank each member of STOP. I encourage my colleagues in Congress to follow their lead in the fight against the *E. coli* bacteria, and for better food safety.

#### SALUTING DANA MORAN

#### HON. DAN SCHAEFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 1, 1996*

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to salute Dana Moran of Golden, CO. Dana, an aero engineer at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory [NREL], is retiring after 18 years of service to that national laboratory.

Among other things, Dana has served NREL in the structures and materials design/application field and has provided research project management in materials science. He is also experienced in large program and sub-contract management, having spend more than two decades in technology transfer activities. He was the executive secretary for NREL's Science and advisory board, as well as of all previous NREL advisory boards and committees, including the days when NREL was known as the Solar Energy Research Institute [SERI]. In fact, Dana spearheaded SERI/NREL's participation in promoting the Lena Gulch interchange on Interstate 70 and replacing its overpass.

Not only has Dana served NREL with distinction during these 18 years, but he has been extraordinarily active in a number of other professional, civic, and business affairs. For example, Dana is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, an associate fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and a past director of the Technology Transfer Society.

Dana's civil and community service has been extensive. He has been a member of the board of directors and vice president of the Jefferson Economic Council. He has been a member of the Denver Chamber of Commerce's Energy and Transportation Committee and of the Golden Rotary Club, serving as its president in 1989-90. He was the founder, trustee, and president of the Colorado Innovation Foundation from 1984 to 1995. Serving three 3-year terms on the Golden Chamber of Commerce, Dana was its president in 1995. He has also served in a wide range of civic groups and organizations dedicated to community advancement and technological innovation.

Among his many business associations, Dana has participated in small business incubators and has served as the Department of Energy's Regional Small Business Coordinator. He has experience in trade shows and ex-

hibits, as well as international business, especially in the Australia/New Zealand area.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Dana for his tireless devotion to NREL and to the Community. On a personal note, I want to thank him for his work on the small business conferences I have sponsored in my district.

NREL is losing a valuable member of its team, but I am certain that the community will continue to benefit from his many talents and skill for years to come. On behalf of all the residents of Colorado's Sixth Congressional District, I want to wish Dana Moran all the best in his retirement.

#### TRIBUTE TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

#### HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 1, 1996*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an educational institution that has been educating American children since the founding of the Republic, and continues to provide top quality instruction and a moral framework for young students—Catholic schools—during Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 29–Feb. 2.

There are dozens of these fine institutions serving my district, and they are celebrating their educational contributions with events ranging from family skating parties to a visit from a NASA astronaut. Ms. Penny Wright, a music teacher at St. Cletus School in LaGrange, is being honored with a Heart of the School Award from the Chicago Archdiocese for her dedication and creative approach to education. Ms. Wright is 1 of only 20 teachers working in the archdiocese receiving this honor.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Catholic schools on their heritage of providing academic excellence and a moral grounding for their students, and I wish these institutions continued success in educating our young people.

#### STOP THE ATTACK ON AMERICA'S AVOCADO GROWERS

#### HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 1, 1996*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, America's avocado growers are threatened with extinction. Why? The Department of Agriculture is likely to modify the quarantine on Mexican Hass avocados. The quarantine was placed in 1914 to protect our avocado crops from Mexican pests and fruit flies. The USDA believes that Mexico can eradicate their serious pest problem. But, science has proven that Mexico has failed to destroy pests for years. NAFTA specifically left the quarantine intact, because Mexican pests would devastate American avocados.

Avocado growers in my district are ringing my phone off the hook. They fear that this Clinton administration action will destroy their crops and destroy their lives.

Mexican pest-infested avocados have already been smuggled across our border. Most

recently, on January 5, 1996, the U.S. Customs Service confiscated and destroyed 3,337 pounds of Mexican Hass avocados at the Otay Mesa commercial facility in San Diego County. The driver, who had previously been arrested for the same offense, admitted to similar smuggling activities in recent months. Although U.S. Customs officials thought they were seizing a truck loaded with drugs, they definitely touched on a problem of significant concern to California's avocado-growing region.

We must stop this from happening every day. Stop the Clinton administration's assault on California jobs. Join me in stopping the USDA's attack on America's avocado growers.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE ALABAMA PRESS ASSOCIATION ON ITS 125TH ANNI- VERSARY

#### HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 1, 1996*

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to bring to the attention of this body a historic and noteworthy anniversary. This year marks the 125th year since the founding of the Alabama Press Association [APA], the oldest statewide trade association in Alabama and one of the oldest State newspaper associations in the Nation.

In 1871 as Alabama continued to recover from the ravages of the Civil War, its newspaper editors and publishers, joined by community leaders, sought new ways to promote economic growth. This was the genesis of the Alabama Press Association which actually came into being with the first statewide meeting of newspaper executives on March 17, 1871, at the Montgomery Advertiser.

Since those early days, the APA has evolved from a social organization of editors and publishers to an association that has played an important role in developing the daily and weekly newspapers of Alabama and serving as a catalyst for the State's economic and cultural development.

The APA worked on behalf of the citizenry of Alabama by advocating stronger public access to government records and meetings. It has pushed for the State's first statewide taxes to support public education and it spearheaded a successful effort to launch a statewide chamber of commerce.

The APA played a role through many of its leaders in guiding the State through some of the important and cultural changes of the last half of the 20th century. Its officers have included some of the leading newspaper men and women in America, and its member newspapers have won the Nation's highest awards for journalistic excellence.

Additionally, before coming to the Congress it was my pleasure to serve as president of the APA in 1991. Alabama and the Nation can be justly proud of the contributions and leadership of the Alabama Press Association as it continues toward another 125 years of public service.